

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

annexation of all that portion of land lying west of the Big Sioux river and west of the State of Iowa, which shall be embraced within the bounds by running the north line of the State of Iowa, due west to the Missouri river, and that copies of this memorial be forwarded without delay to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress of the United States by the Secretary of State.

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JOINT RESOLUTIONS and instructions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, in relation to slavery and the admission of Kansas into the Union.

Preamble.

Whereas, under the Constitution of the United States, freedom is national and slavery sectional; and believing that the peace, welfare and honor of the country imperiously require that our national domain shall be preserved free for free homes, for free men; and believing it to have been the policy of our fathers, dictated by reason and exalted patriotism, to inhibit the extension of slavery, and make freedom the law of our national progress, therefore,

Opposed to extension of slavery.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That we are unqualifiedly opposed to the further extension of slavery, within the jurisdiction, or by the sanction of the General Government, and insist that Congress shall exert all constitutional power to preserve our national territory free.

Instructions.

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to exert their influence, and vote for the admission of Kansas into the Union as a free State, and to oppose its admission with a constitution establishing or tolerating slavery.

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